

Secure Youth Treatment Facilities

DJJ CLOSURE

In 2020, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 823, closing the State's Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and transitioning DJJ's responsibilities to the counties. DJJ stopped receiving newly dispositioned youth on July 1, 2021 and will close down completely by June 30, 2023, returning all youth still in DJJ's custody to the counties by then. Among other tasks, counties must select a site and develop programming for these youth, referred to now as "SYTF" or Secure Youth Track Facility.

SYTF CURRENT AND FUTURE POPULATIONS

- **50** youth have been dispositioned to secure track since June 2021 and are in custody at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall, mostly in Unit X but also in other units in the facility.
- 112 youth are in custody at DJJ facilities. Approximately 20% of them have a parole hearing between now and June 30, 2023 and may be released. Estimates range from between **70 and 90** youth and young adults expected to return to L.A. County. Almost all are young men, with L.A. County expecting the return of only a handful of young women, perhaps 5 or 6.
- Between now and June 30, 2023, many youths will be dispositioned to the secure track. If the trend follows this year, that will be at least an additional **50** youth.
- That makes for a grand total of approximately **170-190** boys/young men and **5-6** girls/young women who will need housing in L.A. County by June 30, 2023.

EVALUATION OF FACILITIES

Each facility was evaluated by **DLR Group** in a total of **33 areas**, based on the "**ideal program**" characteristics, predicated on national best practices, the **LA Model**, and principles of **Youth Justice Reimagined (YJR)**. The scoring and recommendations were submitted for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's consideration on **October 18, 2021**.

CURRENT FACILITY CAPACITY

Two facilities have been designated by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for review as the interim site (Kilpatrick) and permanent sites (Kilpatrick and Scott).

Camp Kilpatrick – 48 (current)

Camp Scott – 52 (proposed with renovations)

